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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed October 8, 2003, in the above-identified application.

A separate Petition for Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period-for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired):

37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month
37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) - Extension within second month
37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month
37 CFR § 1.17(a)(4) - Extension within fourth month.

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